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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a Preliminary Amendment with an attachment of marked up paragraphs and a Change of Address Form for filing in connection with the above-identified application. Because this Preliminary Amendment is filed prior to receipt of a first office action on the merits in the above-referenced application, no fee is due. However, should it be determined that a fee for filing these papers is required, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-1213, as stated below:

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Respectfully submitted,
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

Preliminary to examination of the above-captioned patent application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows (a marked up copy of the amended specification is attached to this Amendment):

Please replace the paragraphs on page 19, lines 3-14, with the following:

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As used herein, a SATAC refers to a chromosome that is substantially all heterochromatin, except for portions of heterologous DNA. Typically, SATACs are satellite DNA based artificial chromosomes, but the term encompasses any chromosome made by the methods herein that contains more heterochromatin than euchromatin.

As used herein, amplifiable, when used in reference to a chromosome, particularly the method of generating SATACs provided herein, refers to a region of a chromosome that is prone to amplification. Amplification typically occurs during replication and other cellular events involving recombination. Such regions are typically regions of the chromosome that include tandem repeats, such as satellite DNA, rDNA and other such sequences.